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Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy

The General Assembly,

Recalling section XIV of its resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994,

Recalling also its decision 50/500 of 17 September 1996 on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 53/236 of 8 June 1999,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the Base[1] and the related reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Reiterating the importance of establishing an accurate inventory of assets,

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy;[1]

2. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

3. *Welcomes*, in this regard, the recent positive developments in the utilization of the Base, especially in contributing crucial logistic support to the launching of large new missions;

4. *Reiterates* the need to implement, as a matter of priority, an effective inventory management standard, especially in respect of peacekeeping operations involving high inventory value;

[1] A/54/711 and A/54/733.
[2] A/54/841 and Add.8.
[3] A/54/841/Add.8.

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5. *Welcomes also* the intention of the Secretary-General to review the concept of the operations of the Base and requests him, as part of that review, to fully consider the observations and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and report thereon to the General Assembly as soon as possible during its fifty-fifth session;

6. *Approves* the cost estimates for the Base amounting to 9,317,400 United States dollars gross (8,481,300 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

7. *Decides* to apply the unencumbered balance of 451,800 dollars in respect of the period from 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999, the interest income of 114,000 dollars and miscellaneous income of 1,166,000 dollars (1,731,800 dollars in total) to the resources required for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

8. *Decides also* to prorate the balance of 7,585,600 dollars gross (6,479,500 dollars net) among the individual active peacekeeping operation budgets to meet the financing requirements of the Base for the period from 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;

9. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to provide for a civilian establishment consisting of ten Professional, thirteen Field Service and eighty-three locally recruited staff;

10. *Decides* to consider during its fifty-fifth session the question of the financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi.